

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 with the following paragraph in order to correct a typographical error:

The cycloolefin polymers can be prepared with the aid of transition-metal catalysts, e.g. metallocenes. Suitable preparation processes are known and described, for example, in DD-A-109 225, EP-A-0 407 870, EP-A-0 485 893, United States Patent Nos. 6,489,016, 6,008,298, ~~6,608,936~~6,068,936, and 5,912,070, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.